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(FOR ROCAP ENGINEERS AND RLA)

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1. ONE CONSEQUENCE OF OPIC SEPARATION FROM AID IN 1971 IS CONTRACT BETWEEN THEM UNDER WHICH OPIC PAYS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES PERFORMED BY AID UPON REQUEST OF OPIC IN CONNECTION WITH PROJECTS FINANCED BY OPIC. THESE ENGINEERING SERVICES ARE MANAGED BY AID/W ENGINEERS, CURRENTLY BY OFFICE OF WENDELL ANDERSON SER/ENGR.

2. WHEN AID/W SER/ENGR CONSIDERS IT APPROPRIATE, IT SOMETIMES REQUESTS ASSISTANCE FROM AID ENGINEERS STATIONED IN
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HOST COUNTRIES WHERE OPIC PROJECTS ARE LOCATED. SUCH AS-

SISTANCE HAS ALWAYS WORKED WELL IN THE PAST, AND IS REQUESTED IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION BASED ON TIME AVAILABLE OF THE AID FIELD ENGINEERS. OPIC HAS ALWAYS REQUESTED SUCH ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE AID/W ENGINEERS.

3. FOR THE TAYLOR CASE IN COSTA RICA, OPIC CONTACTED AID/W ENGINEER JAMES COOPERMAN SER/ENGR, IN MR. ANDERSON'S ABSENCE WHO TELEPHONED ROCAP ENGINEERING HEADQUARTERS IN GUATEMALA CITY SPEAKING TO MR. FORTUNATO J. MAIOLO IN MR. DAVIS' ABSENCE. ROCAP APPARENTLY THEN CONTACTED AID

ENGINEER HERIBERTO RODRIGUEZ (THROUGH MILTON LAU) IN SAN JOSE WHO EXAMINED ON OPIC'S BEHALF CONSTRUCTION STATUS OF TAYLOR PROJECT AND SENT HIS REPORT DATED JUNE 17, 1975 (CLEARED IN DRAFT BY M. LAU) TO MR. MAIOLO, WHO RELAYED IT WITH HIS MEMO DATED JUNE 19, 1975 TO MR. ANDERSON THROUGH CHARLES STEVENS, REGIONAL ENGINEERING COORDINATOR LA/SER/ENG AND SAMUEL COOPER ENG/SER. (AID/W HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANYONE NAMED SAMUEL COOPER, AND ASSUMES JAMES COOPERMAN SER/ENGR WAS INTENDED).

4. OPIC REP LIPMAN SPOKE TO MR. RODRIGUEZ ASKING HIM TO COMPLETE HIS REPORT BY REFERENCE ONLY TO THOSE CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING AND PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS WHICH TAYLOR REPS COULD ASSEMBLE, ABOUT WHICH OPIC WOULD LIKE AN ENGINEERING OPINION AND UNDER WHICH PROJECT FACILITIES PREVIOUSLY EXAMINED BY HIM WERE BEING COMPLETED. (THE LONG-HAND DRAFT LETTER LIPMAN LEFT FOR THIS PURPOSE WAS NOT INTENDED TO REQUEST OR REQUIRE A LEGAL OPINION FROM ENGINEER RODRIGUEZ OR FROM ANYONE ELSE, AS SUGGESTED PARA 1 A REFTTEL, BUT AN ENGINEERING STATEMENT SUPPLEMENTING BY EXPRESS REFERENCE HIS PRIOR ENGINEERING OPINION). IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT MR. RODRIGUEZ IS NOT AVAILABLE TO EXAMINE THESE DOCUMENTS SINCE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF PROJECT FACILITIES WOULD BE USEFUL; HOWEVER, AS STATED ABOVE, NEITHER AID/W NOR OPIC MEANS TO ENCROACH ON TIME OF FIELD ENGINEERS. SUCH DOCUMENTS WILL BE REVIEWED AT AID/W.

5. TO IMPROVE KNOWLEDGE OF AID ENGINEERS WORLD-WIDE ABOUT AID-OPIC ENGINEERING ARRANGEMENTS, AID/W WILL PUBLISH IN UNCLASSIFIED

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SEPTEMBER 1, 1975 ENGINEERING NEWSLETTER A SHORT ARTICLE ON AID/W ENGINEERING ROLE IN OPIC OPERATIONS. INGERSOLL

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